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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-19

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a redacted version of the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company") to the Information Requests 1-23 and 1-27 of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's ("DTE") First Set of Information Requests. Please note that consistent with the Motion for Confidential Treatment of The Berkshire Gas Company filed April 5, 2002 and the Hearing Officer's rulings on May 24, 2002, the Company respectfully requests that the Department grant confidential treatment to its response to Information Request D.T.E. 1-27. Accordingly, the copy of the response to Information Request D.T.E. 1-27 provided to you is redacted to omit the confidential attachment.

Copies of these materials are provided to the Attorney General and the Division of Energy Resources pursuant to confidentiality agreements.

The Company notes that the transaction book provided in response to Information Request D.T.E. 1-27 is highly confidential as it provides detail on each transaction executed pursuant to the alliance structure approved in D.T.E. 01-41. Highly confidential price, transactional and strategic information is reflected in the transaction book. This structure is similar to that contemplated in the agreements submitted for approval in this proceeding. Public disclosure of these materials could have adverse consequences to the Company, its affiliates and BP Energy. Given this sensitivity, the Company is providing a single copy of this document to the Hearing Officer, the Attorney General and the Division of Energy Resources. The Company respectfully requests that these materials be subject to extreme care and that additional copies not be made.

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Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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